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Dear Mr. Paul Dabbs:

We recently discussed the proposed sustainable water use based California State Water Plan with the participants in our programs here at the Mother Lode River Center. As you can see from their letters they were very impressed that the Department of Water Resources has considered water conservation through recycling of water, greater efficiency of water use, groundwater treatment and other modern techniques to envision a less resource intensive water management scenario for California. This intelligent and enlightened approach to water policy is one they find easy to support.

Our participants were particularly impressed with the proposed sustainable Water Plan because it makes future dams and diversions of our rivers less necessary. Californians want to preserve their natural capital for future generations to enjoy. We possess no more critical natural capital than our rivers!

It is truly gratifying to see that the Department of Water Resources has heard the voices of Californians and envisioned a future consistent with their desires. We urge you to stand fast in your effort to create a sustainable future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "S" at the beginning.

Scott Underwood, M.D.
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